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Dockets Management Branch Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA:

As a physician and a consumer, I am greatly concerned about the irradiation of foods. Even though you consider it to be safe, the process can change the texture, taste, storage characteristics and nutrients in foods.

Thus, I feel its is extremely important that such foods be labeled so that I can choose to buy foods that have <u>not</u> been irradiated.

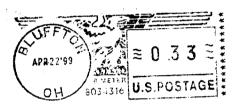
Sincerely,

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